

Community-Based Abstinence Education Program – Joint Letter Request (No Amount Specified). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This program provides funding to support the development and implementation of abstinence education programs for adolescents ages 12 through 18. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it helps prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and reduces out-of-wedlock pregnancies.